UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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United STATES OF AMERICA

: Crim. No. 08-802 (DMC)

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: Hon. Dennis M. Cavanaugh

ANTHONY MATIAS, CARLOS ROMERO, and REY ARMANDO APONTE : CONTINUANCE ORDER

A criminal indictment charging the defendant with conspiracy to distribute heroin, contrary to Title 21 United States Code, Sections 841(a) & (b)(1)(B)(1), in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, having been returned on October 27, 2008; and the defendant having arraigned on November 03, 2008; and the defendant being represented by John Russo, Esq., and the defendant having been detained; and the defendant and his counsel being aware that the defendant has the right to a trial within seventy (70) days of defendant's arraignment on this charge, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section |3161(b); and two (2) continuances having previously been granted by this Court pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h) (8) (A); the parties hereby request a continuance of sixty (60) days pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section |3161(h)(8)(A) in order to permit the parties to continue plea negotiations and try to resolve this matter without trial;

IT IS on this _____ day of March, 2009,

ORDERED that from March 14, 2009, to and including May 14, 2009, shall be excluded in calculating the time within which this

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case must go to trial under the Speedy Trial Act for the following reasons:

- The defendant, through his counsel, has requested 1. additional time so that the parties can attempt to resolve this matter through a plea agreement and thereby avoid a possible trial.
- 2. Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code Section 3161(h)(8)(A), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

HONORABLE DENNIS M. CAVANAUGH United States District Judge

SEEN AND AGREED:

Bric T. Kanefsky, Esq. Assistant U.S. Attorney

John L. Russo, Esq.

Counsel for Carlos Romero